

of progress, to destroy our work and our accomplishments. The spread of discrimination in all of its incarnations, be it anti-Semitism or any other form of bigotry, must be stopped.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today with all of my colleagues, black, white, Hispanic, Asian, Jewish and otherwise, in support of this resolution, and urge European governments to fight the spread of anti-Semitism within their borders. Frankly, if we do not, then history is bound to repeat itself.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE CYPRUS  
FEDERATION OF AMERICA, INC.

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 17, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Cyprus Federation of America, Inc. which will solemnly commemorate the 28th year anniversary of the tragic invasion and occupation of Cyprus by the Turkish armed forces on Saturday, July 20, and Sunday, July 21, 2002. The Cyprus Federation of America is an umbrella organization representing the Cypriot American community in the United States. The largest Hellenic Cypriot community outside of Cyprus is located in the 14th congressional district, which I am fortunate to represent.

Twenty-eight years ago, on July 20, 1974, the Turkish armed forces invaded Cyprus, in a tragic and brutal disregard for the human rights of Cypriots. Since then, 37% of Cyprus has remained under Turkish rule. The Cyprus Federation of America has been leading the effort to promote an end to the devastating occupation.

The occupation of Cyprus has had a devastating impact on the people of Cyprus. Families have been separated, parents have lost the right to bequeath land that has been in their families for generations, churches have been desecrated and historical sites destroyed. More than 1,500 Greek Cypriots, including four American citizens, were missing after the invasion and we still do not know what happened to many of them.

In a spirit of remembrance and commemoration, a concert will be held on July 20, 2002 at the SummerStage in Central Park, New York, with the participation of two exemplary artists from Greece, Dionyssios Savopoulos and Alkinoos Ioannides. These remarkable performers have been strong advocates against the division of Cyprus and the human rights violations perpetrated by the Turkish army in Cyprus.

On July 21, 2002, memorial services will be held for the victims of the Turkish invasion and occupation of Cyprus at the Cathedral of Holy Trinity in Manhattan. His Eminence, Archbishop Demetrios, Primate of the Greek Church of America, will officiate.

After twenty-eight years of occupation, all Cypriots deserve to live in peace and security, with full enjoyment of their human rights. I am hopeful that their desire for freedom will one day be fulfilled.

In recognition of the spirit of the people of Cyprus, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the Cyprus Federation of America, and in solemnly commemorating the twenty-eighth anniversary of the invasion of Cyprus. I hope

that this anniversary will mark the advent of true freedom and peace for Cyprus.

A CALL FOR PEACE IN CYPRUS

**HON. DAVID E. BONIOR**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 17, 2002*

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, it has been 28 years since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. In 1974, Turkish troops evicted 200,000 Greek Cypriots from their homes, making them refugees in their own country. And yet, the elapsing of more than a quarter century has not darkened the memory of the invasion. Turkey's continued violation of the Greek Cypriots' human rights, and the need for the reversal of Turkey's actions and a return to peace, remains as strong today as it did in 1974.

For 25 years, Turkey has fought to increase its grip on Cyprus. In violation of international law, Turkey has moved more than 80,000 settlers into the ancestral homes of the Greek Cypriots. A campaign of harassment and the destruction of cultural sites has been used to intimidate the Greek Cypriots.

Despite these abuses, the people of Cyprus continue to work toward peace. The Cypriot Government called for the demilitarization of Cyprus, despite the threat of the Turkish army occupying 37% of the island's territory. Cyprus is seeking to join the European Union, a step that will move them forward. Even as it is constantly confronted with uncertainty and instability, the Cypriot Government acts in the best interest of its people.

The world community has joined the call for peace, yet Turkey continues to threaten with force and non-compliance. To the international community, the objection over the invasion of 1974 remains as strong today as it was then. For the Greek Cypriots, who struggle to move forward underneath the burden of human rights violations and refugee status, the desire for peace is unending. In the name of democracy and in the defense of human rights, we need to continue to support the people of Cyprus in their efforts to bring peace and stability back to their country.

IN HONOR OF OUR NATION'S FIRST  
RESPONDERS

**HON. RUSH D. HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 17, 2002*

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize, honor, and thank our nation's fire, rescue, and police squads. These "first responders" represent our first line of defense—made all too clear on September 11, 2001 and since. And they continue to play an invaluable role in our daily lives, serving their local communities, protecting our families, and risking their lives for our safety.

Much has been said about these valiant men and women. The President and my colleagues here in Congress understand the indispensable role that our local first responders will play in the defense of our nation.

I can certainly speak of their intrepid actions. On the night of July 8, 2002, a fire dam-

aged my home in New Jersey. My wife, daughter, and grandchildren were present at the time, when a smoke alarm roused them from their sleep.

Members from the Lawrence, Lawrenceville, Pennington, and Union police, fire, and rescue squads quickly responded, ensuring the safety of my family. And members from Bucks County, Hunterdon County, Montgomery, Princeton and West Trenton backed up these departments by filling their vacancies and providing mutual support.

I am fortunate that my family escaped without getting hurt, and I would like to thank the men and women serving on the Bucks County, Hunterdon County, Lawrence, Lawrenceville, Montgomery, Pennington, Princeton, Union, and West Trenton police, fire, and rescue squads for promptly responding to my family's 911 call and for containing the fire before it caused irreparable damage to my home.

As legislation establishing a Department of Homeland Security takes shape, it is imperative that we include our first responders. Homeland Security is hometown security. These brave men and women continue to answer our calls everyday, and I share in the admiration and gratitude of all Americans in expressing my thanks for their service. All Americans could help these men and women by surveying their homes and offices for fire and other safety hazards—checking smoke detectors, escape plans, and escape routes.

Therefore, Mr. Speaker, again, I rise to celebrate and honor these brave men and women. I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing their local police, fire, and rescue squads.

SUMMER MUSIC

**HON. MARK STEVEN KIRK**

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, July 17, 2002*

Mr. KIRK. Mr. Speaker, this evening, July 17th, Mark Damisch, the Mayor of Northbrook, Illinois will preview the classical piano program he will take on the road to Europe late this summer. I want to congratulate this accomplished pianist as he celebrates his 42nd year of performing. While many in Northbrook and throughout the Chicagoland area know him as a prominent civic leader as demonstrated through his service as the mayor of Northbrook and his work with the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus, he has been participating in good will cultural events throughout the world for almost 30 years.

In March 1974, while on a New Trier High School Choir tour of Europe where the choir performed with the Vienna Boys Choir, Mark arranged, promoted and played a series of Concerts in Eastern Europe, Western Europe and the Soviet Union. In 1977, Mark returned to the stage to perform in a seven week tour around the world. He performed concerts in Washington, D.C., Keflavik, Iceland, Oxford, England, Oslo, Norway, Hannover, Germany, Tokyo, Japan, Mondorf, Luxembourg and Honolulu, Hawaii. The Tour was recognized by President Jimmy Carter, Illinois Governor James Thompson and Chicago Mayor Michael Bilandic. All of the concerts were dedicated to forging better relations between the United States and citizens in the host countries.